



# USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0567

MONDAY  
JANUARY 03, 2000  
VOL. 47 NO. 01

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted. Retail demand was mixed, but mostly fair at best following the holiday weekend. Food service was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in balance to tight and received the best interest. Breast items were at least sufficient with little movement, and dark meat items were adequate with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights covered the full range.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/03-01/08/00 (cents per lb)

	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	(Includes branded product)				
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
		<u>AVG</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
Bos/New Eng	54.00-55.00	54.76	17	60.47	41
Chicago	49.00-52.00	52.20	50	54.85	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.92	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.25	12
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	63.01	24
Detroit	50.00-53.00	53.13	12	54.42	40
Los Angeles	64.00	63.25	58	62.57	118
New York	50.00-55.00	52.13	40	55.33	70
Philadelphia	49.00-52.00	50.82	11	53.51	30
Pittsburgh	49.50-51.50	52.00	10	56.67	57
St. Louis	51.50-52.00	51.46	19	53.97	46
San Francisco	64.50	63.57	30	67.06	54

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/03/00	Change/Last Wk	12/27/99	01/04/99
597	58.06	0.15	57.91	59.48

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.50-58.00	57.39	40
Central	54.50-59.00	56.17	55
West	53.00-65.50	61.57	50

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	58.04	79
-------------	-------------	-------	----

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,102	49.00-61.00	57.23

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	134.00	3,724
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.50	1,946
THIGH MEAT - B/S	71.50	530
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,161
WINGS	76.50	2,720

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole fryers was fair at best. Offerings were usually more than adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was most often slow. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, wings were sometimes tight. All other parts were at least adequate with bone-in breasts still in the most available position.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to fair with little trading as trade assessed needs following the extended holiday weekend. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs as plants returned to normal full time schedules. In the parts structure, wings were well balanced with the best movement. Breast items were slightly better but still showed light movement, and dark meat items were adequate and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy due to reduced schedules last week.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were easily adequate to cover the current fair buyers' interest. Retail demand was light by stores and fairly good by fast food, best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .73 from last Monday at 54.26 with the volume reported at 24 loads up 10 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's trading were unchanged into all areas with Ohio TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Offerings of additional whole birds and WOGS were fully adequate for mostly disinterested buyers. Retail demand was quiet with improvement noted over prior week's demand. Food service movement was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes desirable. Parts trading was irregular, mostly light for the barely adequate to ample supplies with wings in the shortest position. Trade sentiment was barely steady on bone-in breasts, fully steady on wings, balance steady.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to fair at best. Seller offerings varied in both size and volume but were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the generally light and cautious buyer. Whole breasts were readily available and often noted as difficult to clear. Wings were fully adequate and in best balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

	03/JAN/2000	30/DEC/99
RANGE	54-67	54-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.46	57.61
NO. OF BOXES	11,161	7,650
*6 of 8 plants reporting.		

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest following the holiday weekend did not appear to have improved significantly and was fair at best. Offerings were generally more than adequate with bone-in breasts in the longest position. Wings were occasionally tight. Retail and distributive movement was usually quiet. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and no better than steady on the remainder of items.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	133.72	354,800
TENDERLOINS	125	125.26	99,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	57.68	209,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	50.34	108,200
LEGS	26-27	31.18	178,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	19.14	487,606
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.38	98,960
THIGHS	21-22	27.37	121,280
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.19	29,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	81.96	215,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.08	47,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.83	42,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.35	83,760

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	399	115.00-167.00	130-135	126.83
TENDERLOINS	68	130.00-179.00	130	149.09
BREAST - WITH RIBS	440	48.00-53.00	53	52.18
FRONT HALVES	800	48.00-58.00	52-53	52.95
LEGS	182	29.00-32.00	-	31.63
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	239	14.00-19.00	17	16.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,464	18.00-19.00	18	18.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	332	62.00-74.00	70-71	69.55
DRUMSTICKS	176	32.00-45.00	32	33.21
THIGHS	132	25.00-38.00	-	26.17

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/03	12/30	12/30	12/27	12/23
ALA	2,703	3,196	5.13	3,880	4.75
ARK	4,737	4,265	4.84	4,916	5.03
DELMARVA	2,462	2,476	5.15	2,462	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,726	1,994	4.32	1,891	4.42
MISS	2,669	2,509	4.92	3,755	4.80
NC	2,619	2,562	5.72	2,538	5.87
TEXAS	2,263	2,237	4.74	2,136*	4.67
TOTAL	19,179	19,239	4.99	21,665	4.63*
MON	19,179(A)			21,665(A)	

\*REVISED

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan 2000 is estimated to be 28,694,000 down 11.74 percent from a week ago and down 2.18 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,511,000, last year 29,332,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	665	123.00-164.00	125-130	129.85
TENDERLOINS	205	120.00-200.00	120-125	143.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	19	57.00-69.00	-	62.16
FRONT HALVES	70	57.00-62.00	-	59.50
LEGS	48	26.00-34.00	26-28	27.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,269	17.50-20.00	20	19.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	98	67.50-78.00	68-69	73.41
WINGS (CUT)	440	86.00-91.00	86-89	87.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

\*\*\*\*\*  
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JANUARY 03, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.25 - 40.50	37.81	36.93

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01/03-01/07/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	123.00 - 140.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 67.50	53.00 - 59.00
LEGS	28.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 23.00	18.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.50 - 40.00	34.00 - 36.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	63.00 - 76.00	71.00 - 73.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	27.50 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 42.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	87-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104
	ICE PACK	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-162

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 30-DEC-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
16.00-19.00	-	-	17.00	-
16.65			17.00	

894,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
17.50-18.00	-	-	17.00	-
17.75			17.00	

320,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20% RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
14.50-18.00	-	-	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00
17.03			13.43	13.58

2,166,000 pounds, this includes 748,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
-	-	-	12.00	-
12.00			12.00	

160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME,

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand for spent hens was only moderate. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16	9-11	11.11

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 30-DEC-99

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
-	-	-	-	-
0 pounds			0 pounds	

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
14.00-15.00	-	-	-	-
14.20			-	-

102,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20% RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15.00-17.00	22.00	9.00-14.00	12.50-17.00	
15.50	22.00	10.76	13.22	

1,402,000 pounds, this includes 285,600 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
-	-	-	-	-
0 pounds			0 pounds	

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fairly good for adequate but reduced offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was cautious but generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8-11	10.01
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,**  
**POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Grover T. Hunter
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(404)562-5856	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)965-4661	(Officer-In-Charge)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Bell, CA	Voice	(213)269-4154	Jim Derby
	Fax	(213)269-5926	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(213)260-4676	